

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the consideration provided to this application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Each of claims 1, 18, and 23 has been amended for at least one reason unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more elements, limitations, phrases, terms and/or words implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification, thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim; to detect infringement more easily; to enlarge the scope of infringement; to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.); to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest; to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments; to enlarge the royalty base of the claim; to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace; and/or to target the claim to a particular industry.

Claims 1-34 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 18, and 23 are the independent claims.

The Restriction Requirement

In response to paragraph 1 of the Restriction Requirement, Group I (claims 1-22) is elected with traverse.

In distinct and specific support of this traverse, it is respectfully submitted that, at least in light of the current amendments to each of claims 1, 18, and 23, the basis for the Restriction Requirement is moot. That is, at least as amended, claims 1, 18, and 23 have unity of invention because they share a common inventive feature. Specifically, each of claims 1, 18, and 23, from one of which each of claims 3-17, 19-20, 22, and 24 ultimately depends, states, *inter alia*, yet no substantial evidence has been presented that the applied portions of the cited references teach (i.e., disclose and/or enable), alone or in combination, a “composition prepared from a plurality of materials comprising a multifunctional hydrophilic monomer with 2 or more functionalities, and comprising at least 2 acrylic groups but less than 5 acrylic groups and not more than 11 hydroxyl groups, a processing aid, and polyethoxy methacrylate”.

Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all grounds of objection and rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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